

June 15, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski Commissioner Michael J. Copps Commissioner Robert M. McDowell Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Woodward is Northwest Oklahoma's business hub. We have a rich heritage of oil and gas exploration and services and we're home to world-class agriculture research, renewable energy development, advanced manufacturing, education and business services that serve the entire region.

Our community leaders have worked hard to expand and diversify economic opportunity for our residents, especially for our younger people. There is one step, however, that the FCC can take that would be transformative for our local and regional economy, and that step is approving the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA. This merger would result in the major expansion of high-speed wireless broadband connectivity throughout Northwest Oklahoma and rural areas across the country. In fact, should this merger be approved, AT&T has said it will expand high-speed wireless broadband access to over 97 percent of the country.

Access to high-speed broadband would help our businesses by providing access to new markets, new information, and new applications. It would help with everything from job training to agriculture research, from the better provision of health care services to the further development of renewable energy sources.

All of these benefits could come to fruition if the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile is allowed to proceed. I respectfully urge you to approve the merger, because of the significant impact it will have on rural communities like Woodward and those throughout Northwest Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

LaVern Phillips, President

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